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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND
INTERFERENCES UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.191

Applicants respectfully appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated May 21, 2002 in which the Office finally rejected claims 6, 12, and 19-31 of the above-captioned patent application.

Enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the final rejection for three months, to and including November 21, 2002.

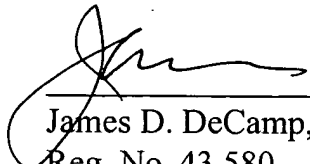
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